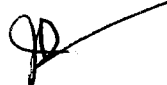


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

**TO:** Interested Parties

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**DATE:** February 10, 2014

**SUBJECT:** DCYF Rules Effective 2-24-14

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the following amended DCYF rules are effective February 24, 2014. These rules align with best practices in child welfare, behavioral health and juvenile justice. These rules are accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) and the Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations Database (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>). Questions may be submitted to:

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**Transportation Safety** - This rule alerts all Department staff and providers that they are required to comply with all relevant rules and regulation of the RI Division of Motor Vehicles in transporting children and youth in the care of the Department.

**Implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act** - This rule clarifies the process of ensuring continuity for Native American children who are eligible for IV-E prior to the transfer of placement and care responsibility to a Tribal Title IV-E agency with a Title IV-E agreement and to bring the Department's practice into compliance with federal law.

**Standards for Investigating Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (Levels 1, 2, 3)** - This rule clarifies the definitions of child abuse and neglect utilized by the Department.

**Criteria for a Child Protective Investigation** - This rule synchronizes the definition of sexual abuse of a child by another child throughout Department policy.